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Agenda Item 5Report on the Main Actions Undertaken by the IHO  
since the Eleventh Session

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1. At the request of the Joint IHO/IOC Guiding Committee for GEBCO, the IHB prepared, in March 1985, a "Draft Working Document" entitled "List of Geographical Names of Undersea Features shown on the GEBCO 5th Edition and on the Small-Scale IHO International Chart Series".

This document was reviewed during the 6th meeting of the "GEBCO Sub-Committee on Geographical Names and Nomenclature of Ocean Bottom Features", Monaco, 22 April 1985. Mr. Richard R. RANDALL attended the meeting as an observer.

Existing errors located in this document were communicated to the Secretary of this Sub-Committee and several new geographical names were accepted for inclusion in the IHO Draft Working Document, as well as several names from the "Advisory Committee on Undersea Features of the U.S. Board on Geographical Names" (ACUF/USBGN) lists.

Subsequently, correspondence was exchanged among the Members of the Sub-Committee concerning a few "Undersea Feature Name Proposal Forms" submitted to the Secretary of the Sub-Committee.

A new revised "Draft Working Document" will be prepared by the IHB, including all the above mentioned corrections and additions. This new draft will also include the IHO/IOC publication "Standardization of Undersea Feature Names : Guidelines, Proposal Form and Terminology".

When complete, this document will be circulated by the IHB to the IHO Member States for their comments and approval.

2. IHO SPECIAL PUBLICATION 23 : LIMITS OF OCEANS AND SEAS.

The Bureau has continued with the compilation of the Draft Fourth Edition of SP 23 "Limits of Oceans and Seas", adopting a completely new layout which has involved the rewriting of texts and the drawing of a series of illustrative chartlets. This work, which proved to be a much bigger task than originally anticipated, has now been completed and has been circulated to the IHO Member States for approval/comments by Circular Letter 6/1986 of 27 February 1986. The IHB is now in the process of analysing the Member States' comments.